

Dad swept out to sea

THE massive storms and twisters battering Britain claimed their first victim yesterday.

Paul Bogues, 47, was swept out to sea as he walked

Faul Bogues, 47, was swept out to sea as he walked along a harbour wall. It was the second tragedy to hit his family this year. His son Conor, 26, was lost at sea when his fishing boat sank off their home town of Ardglass, Co Down, in January. The weekend saw much of Britain hit by gales and torrential rain. And forecasters have warned it will get worse. A mini-tornado struck the Grange Estate in Tuffley, Glos,

■ by LISA McCARTHY

leaving a trail of devastation.

Trees were uprooted, roofs wrecked and windows ripped from their frames.

In Pevensey Bay, East Sussex, pensioners bavid and Barbara Ellis had a narrow escape when their home collapsed.

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Roads across the UK were flooded and about 12,000 homes lost power.

We at he respects last right said winds of up to 110mph are set to hit Britain over the next few days.

MeteoGroup's Nikki Berry said: "It's nasty stuff."



ops for telly...

Tops for telly...



by KATIE BEGLEY
X FACTOR rejects The MacDonald Brothers have

cess and say they won't let lusty ladies get in their way of stardom.

Craig said: "We're going to stay single. "Everything else can come later – right now

our music."

But Brian, who celebrated his 20th birthday last week, added: "The show won't harm our chances of finding someone in the future."

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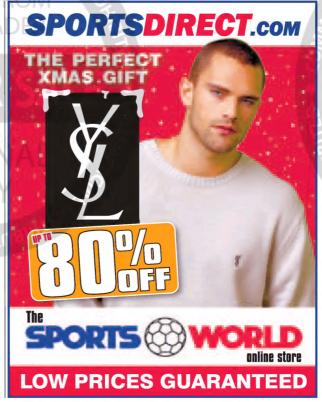
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BOOZED-UP stars like

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Hollywood beauty
Lindsay Lohan are
driving young Brits to
the bottle.
Top medic Prof Roger
Williams, who treated George
Best, says a growing culture
of "celebrity binge drinking"
is wrecking the nation's
health. health.

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The liver specialist slammed celebs like actress Lohan, 20, who has admitted she is going to Alcoholics Anonymous meetings, for the appalling example they are setting youngsters.

He said the hard-partying culture of celebs like Britney Spears, 25, who went on a 10-day bender to "get over" splitting with her husband Kevin Federline, 28, glorifles boozling. Prof Williams said: "Celebrities should be more responsible. It is harmful because they encourage young people to drink."

And he went on to warn that A-list party people, like Charlotte Church, 20, and Girls Aloud's Sarah Harding, 25, are drinking so much that they are at risk of becoming addicted.

He said: "When you're in the public eye everyone is grabbing you drinks and though they may not be addicted they risk becoming dependent on it.

"As they drink more, that is when they become addicted that is when the damage occurs and you cannot stop."

Prof Williams' hard-nitting comments come ahead of the UK's new drink-driving



Head for beach... in Leeds

by LAURA NEIL
LEEDS is to become
Britain's first inland
city with its own
"urban beach".
The banks of the River
Aire in the city centre
will be transformed into
a public area featuring
a man-made sandy
beach, volleyball courts
and seating areas.

Great

Developer MEPC, who have has submitted plans for the project, hope their beach will rival the one already established on the banks of the River Seine in Paris.

MEPC also wants to create an outdoor sculpture area called the Green Room, with giant furniture, including a TV, table, sofa and lamp.

CHEESED OFF

HERBERT Meyer crashed his van when he was overcome by the smell from his load of

Boozy stars are damaging

campaign, which is launched

The surgeon befriended footthe surgeon bertended toot-ball legend Best when he car-ried out a liver transplant on him in 2002.

him in 2002.

And he had to choke back tears last year when he announced the Ulsterman had died at London's Cromwell Hospital, aged just 59.

The UK is the binge-drinking centre of Europe, with nearly 6million sozzled Brits regularly having five or more drinks in one session.

Cases of cirrhosis of the liver

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Cases of cirrhosis of the liver in under-45-year-olds – the tell-tale drinking illness – have increased by a mind-boggling 900% since 1970.

And we are set to have the booziest Christmas in Europe-boosting our alcohol intake by 41% over the festive season, ahead of Germany and Russia.

YOBS in North Tyneside will get a good talking to if they start boozing in the street. New speaking signposts will blast out a warningthat drink is banned as people go past.

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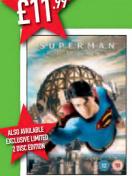
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BRITNEY Spears went wild celebrating her 25th birthday... and accepted gifts from party-loving Paris Hilton worth a staggering £20,000.

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But this time the blonde singer, who is embroiled in a bitter divorce battle with Kevin Federline, 28, actually wore knickers for her night out.

And judging from these foxy pants, she's learnt a thing or two about dignity since being caught on camera last week er, cringingly commando whilst clubbing.

Britney was dirty dancing on the tables of famed eaterie Mr Chows, Los Angeles, where she had a cake full of candles.

Her pal Paris showed up with two aides carrying Brit's gifts.



Our Stateside spy said: "Paris had at least 20 designer bags stuffed full.

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stuffed full.

"There was a
designer lighter
worth £6,000, £4,000
worth of lingerie, a
£5,000 of presents
for Britney's two
baby sons."
Paris was earlier
pictured clutching
bags from top LA
store Kitson.
But things are
seriously sour for
K-Fed. Despite
pleas or papear
on Oprah he's
been rejected. Looks
like he's
starting to
feel the pain
of the Spears
campaign.

Britney, above with her candles and cake and left looking glam. Right, Paris loaded with book

with bags and, far

right, Britney

GOT





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alone it's predicted that
UK shoppers will spend
up to £14m on the
worldwide web.
Industry insiders put
the spree down to Brits
feeling flush after pay
day and the convenience
of staying indoors.

Faves

And James Roper, of the Interactive Retail in Media Group, said that we will spend 40% more than on last year's busiest day – December 12.
The top searches for internet shoppers are: 1 Broadband; 2 Mobile phones; 3 Bratz dolls; 4 Digital cameras; 5 Laptops; 6 iPods; 7 Lingerie; 8 Barbie dolls; 9 Nintendo DS consoles; 10 LCD televisions.





Shutdown threat at ports

A STRIKE by dock staff may leave millions of gifts strand-ed at sea this Christmas.

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Tug workers are threatening to block arrivals at British ports.

And it may mean gifts including iPods,

TVs and games consoles could be stuck on container ships. Union bosses also warn shop shelves would be left empty within five days.

TGWU chief Graham Stevenson said: "Big ships can't visit Britain without the tug.

Standstill

"If they don't pull the ships in, then the ships don't come and Britain shuts down in five days."
The strike could bring all UK ports to a standstill – including Southampton, which handles most UK trade with the Far East.

Last month the huge Emma Maersk 3 ship docked in Felixstowe, Suffolk,

"By LISA MCCARTHY tration with tug employers Adsteam. Mr Stevenson added: "We want to renegotiate the registry of workers and Adsteam boss Stephen Eastwood assid: "We have not received any formal notice from the union regarding its intention to ballot its members.

"The formal process will take several weeks, during which a solution can be sought."

A British firm has brewed up a storm in America – with a beer called Santa's Butt.

US authorities have banned the lale as it has Santa's image on the label and may encourage children to try to buy the alcohol. But Peter Scholey, boss of Ridgeway Brewery, Oxford, said: "We find it bizarre our little product has been caught up in all this fuss."

MOST UK Trade with the Far East.
Last month the huge Emma Maersk 3
ship docked in Felixstowe, Suffolk,
stuffed with 45,000 tons of Christmas
presents, including glitterballs, pinball
machines, hair curlers and handbags.
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■ by LISA McCARTHY

"We find it bizarre our little product has been caught up in all this fuss."

A butt is a traditional brewing measure of 108 gallons. But Mr Scholey accepted it is also US slang for a backside.

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PALLBEARERS are being asked to sign forms promising not to sue if they put

ising not to sue if they put their backs out.

Funeral directors are insisting mourners are aware of the risks before they shoulder the coffin. They fear carrying a body the size of recently-departed Corrie butcher Fred Elliot could cause injury.

Liability

The bizarre move emerged at the funeral of war hero Jack Hole, 86. His ex-comrades were approached by an undertaker with a form as they prepared to carry his coffin into a

■ by EMMA WALL

crematorium. Chris Powell, 73, said:
"We were flabbergasted. He said it was a declaration that absolved them of any liability if we slipped a disc.
"The pallbearers were all in their 70s but they were all six-footers and thought it was ridiculous."
Geoff Hinton, of Pidgeon & Son who organised Jack's funeral in Cardiff, defended the forms, He said: "People are getting heavier and a solid coffin can be a big weight."
But local Tory MP Phil Davies said: "It's ridiculous. The compensation culture is getting out of hand."









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(-) BEAUTIFUL WORLD Take That Il Divo Oasis Westlife

(-) SIEMPRE (2) STOP THE CLOCKS (1) THE LOVE ALBUM

(3) LOVE Beatles
(4) U218 SINGLES U2
(7) THE SOUND OF THE GREATEST HITS Girls Aloud

8 (5) TWENTY FIVE George Michael
9 (13) VOICES OF THE VALLEY
Fron Male Voice Choir
10 (6) HIGH TIMES – SINGLES

1992-2006 11 (21) SAM'S TOWN Katherine Jenkins **12 (11) SERENADE**

13 (14) TA-DAH Scissor Sisters 13 (14) RAZORLIGHT Razorlight
15 (8) OVERLOADED - THE SINGLES
COLLECTION Sugababes

16 (12) EYES OPEN Snow Patrol Paul Weller 17 (15) HIT PARADE 18 (10) ANGELIS 19 (18) I'M NOT DEAD Angelis Pink

20 (-) A WHOLE NEW WORLD

Kate Price & Peter Andre

21 (-) ACT THREE G4

22 (17) FUTURESEX/LOVESOUNDS

Justin Timberlake
23 (23) UNDISCOVERED James Morrison

24 (28) TWELVE STOPS AND HOME

Feeling 25 (20) RUDEBOX Robbie Williams
26 (19) ALL ANGELS All Angels
27 (16) INSIDE IN/INSIDE OUT Kooks

Beyoncé 28 (27) B'DAY 29 (29) STILL THE SAME - GREAT

30 (c) TO ALL NEW ARRIVALS Faithless
31 (32) THE TRUTH ABOUT LOVE Lemar
32 (36) LOOSE Nelly Furtado
33 (24) TWO'S COMPANY

Cliff Richard

- THE DUETS 34 (-) COSTELLO MUSIC 35 (-) KINGDOM COME Fratellis Jay-Z Luther Vandross 36 (37) THE ULTIMATE Luth 37 (26) THE BEST OF - VOL 1

Depeche Mode 38 (22) KONVICTED

39 (25) GRACE 40 (33) THESE STREETS Simon Webbe Paolo Nutini

THE OK! CELEBRITY CHART

1) MATT WILLIS: Former Busted star Matt won this year's reality TV show I'm A Celebrity.
2) MYLERNE KLASS: The brunette babe confessed she was desperate to see her lover Graham Quinn after surviving the jungle show.
3) BRITNEY SPEARS: Singer Britney went wild on a series of nights out with American party queen Parls Hilton after filling to divorce Kevin Federline.

in Federline.

GERI HALLIWELL: Ex-Spice

Geri, 34, gushed about being

a mum.

5) SIMON COWELL: TV's Mr Nasty branded The MacDonald Brothers' performance "painful" on the ITV1 show as they were voted off.



A GREAT PAIR: Kate and Peter

6) TAKE THAT: Manband Take That celebrated No1 in both the singles and album charts.
7) CHRISTINA AGUILERA: The American singer toured the UK with a raunchy performance.
8) PETER ANDRE & KATE PRICE: The couple released their debut duets album A Whole New World for electric.

duets album A Minos charity.

9) CAROL SMILLIE: The Scottish TV presenter was voted off Strictly Come Dancing.

10) GEORGE MICHAEL: Celebs flocked in their droves to see George perform at Wembley.

TOP 40

BOOGIE 2NITE Booty Luv

2 (2) SMACK 1HAI
3 (19) BOOGIE 2NITE
4 (13) ALL GOOD THINGS
(COME TO AN END) Nelly Furtado
5 (4) MY LOVE Justin Timberlake ft Ti
6 (6) IRREPLACEABLE Beyonce
7 (3) DOWNTOWN Emma Bunton
8 (7) PUT YOUR HANDS UP FOR
DETROIT Fedde Le Grand
9 (-) WHISTLE FOR THECHOIR Fratellis
10 (-) KNIGHTS OF CYDONIA Muse
11 (5) THE ROSE Westlife
12 (10) AMERICA Razorlight
13 (12) YABAI Bodyrox ft Luciana
14 (9) SOMETHING KINDA OOOOH

14 (9) SOMETHING

15 (-) BONES Killers

16 (11) HURT Christina Aguilera

17 (8) ROCK STEADY All Saints

18 (14) WELCOME TO THE BLACK PARADE

My Chemical Romance

19 (17) REHAB Arny Winehouse

20 (20) I DON'T FEEL LIKE DANCIN'

Scissor Sisters

Scissor Sisters
21 (16) SNOW (HEY OH)
Red Hot Chili Peppers
22 (18) LOVE IT WHEN YOU CALL Feeling
23 (-) THE CURE & THE CAUSE
Fish Go Deep ft Tracey K



24 (15) LOVELIGHT Ro 25 (21) SOMEONE SHOULD Robbie Williams TELL YOU 26 (23) ROCK THIS PARTY

26 (23) ROCK THIS PARTY (EVERYBODY DANCE NOW)
Bob Sinclar & Cutee B
27 (24) SET THE FIRE TO THE
THIRD BAR
Snow PatroVMartha Wainwright
28 (28) HIPS DON'T LIE
Shakira ft Wyclef Jean
29 (-) 9 CRIMES
Jamien Rice
30 (29) LONG WAY 2 GO
Cassie
31 (25) COMING AROUND AGAIN
Simon Webbe

32 (31) SEXYBACK Justin Timberlake 33 (33) WONDERFUL WORLD

James Morrison
34 (-) BEWARE OF THE DOG Jamelia
35 (-) CAN'T CATCH TOMORROW

36 (27) NOBODY KNOWS

Lostprophets
Pink 37 (26) BOMBS Faithless ft Harry Collier 38 (38) EVERYTIME WE TOUCH Cascada

39 (-) WAR OF THE WORLDS

Get Cape Wear Cape Fly

40 (-) WE'RE ALL IN THIS TOGETHER
Cast Of High School Musical

STRPOP





ICE TRY PINK

PINK has sent out a plea to Arctic Monkeys to work with her.
The Nobody Knows singer, 27, reckons Britain has better taste in music than her homeland of America.
Talking on ITVI's Greatest Hits show this Friday she says: "The first time I heard Arctic Monkeys was on Radio 1. I fell in love with their attitude – so original. "I would like to do a collaboration with them."



NO THE

JASON Donovan's greatest hits album is being re-released to celebrate the 38-year-old's I'm A Celebrity Get Me Out Of Here success. Don't miss out jungle lovers, it's out today.

IN LOVE: Pink

JAKE SHEARS did a Britney while performing on Greatest Hits after Scissor Sisters lost a suitcase of clothes following a visit to Germany. The flamboyant 28-year-old had no clean undies so was forced to go commando.



STRESS: James

JAMES Morrison is turning to alternative therapy to cope with fame's pressures. He dipped into the freebie room after recording his slot for the Greatest Hits show and picked up a titanium 9-Link bracelet. Apparently it helps "rebalance energy levels". Jim, 21, whose debut album Undiscovered went straight to No.1, also blagged some clothes for his girlfriend.

Gary couldn't Take success

EXCLUSIVE

GARY Barlow convinced Take That's ITV1 Audience With... Live show would be a flop after the rehear-sal went TOO well.

The modest singer told me at Saturday's afterparty he was thrilled at the response after they insisted on being the first act to record the show totally live.

Gaz, 35, said: "We were actually quite nervous because the rehearsal went so well we wondered what would go wrong when we did it for real.

"Thankfully it went brilliantly and I think we've set a precedent for others to do the show live."

Hectic

I'd like to say cheers to Take That and their manager Jonathan Wild for sorting me out with a front-row seat to watch the amazing show, which was like a mini version of their stunning come-

their stunning come-back arena tour.

A ton of celebrity
guests including fun-nyman Peter Kay, 33, and sexy
Girls Aloud singer Kimberley
Walsh, 25, watched as Gary, Mark
Owen, 34, Jason Orange, 36, and



Howard Donald, 38, performed their hits and new songs.
It was a fitting end to a

It was a fitting end to a hectic week promoting comeback album Beautiful World, which like single Patience is sitting at No I. Gleeful Jason told me: "It feels like we've achieved something, and for me it's a testament to good friendship and hard work."

HMV's Gennaro Castaldo com-

mented: "A No.1 single and album in the same week is a feat that eludes most artists but for Take That to pull it off is truly amazing."

It's not quite feet-up time for the manband. Gary revealed: "We're per-forming Shine on the finale of The X Factor and hopefully that will be the post single."

next single.
"If you'd have told me 14 months ago we'd have a No.1 album and single in the same week, our first ever, I'd have never believed you."

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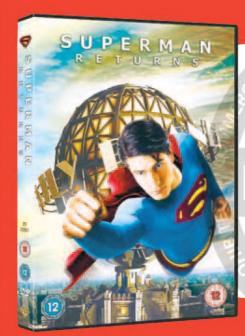
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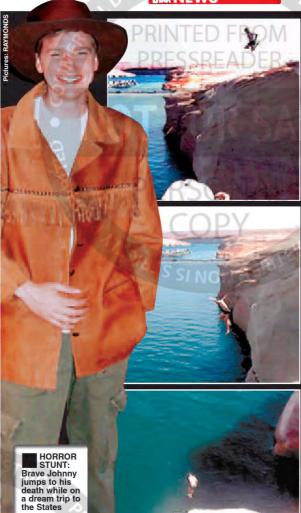
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He was urged to do the stunt by a US trek guide, who told him: "It's gonna change your life duta".

change your life, dude."
But Johnny, 23, died instantly from head injuries as he hit the freezing waters of Lake Powell, Arizona.

Battle

His body was found in the lake two days later – 273ft below the surface. Now, more than two years after the plunge, his mum Diane has finally won her legal battle for compensation from Trek-America, the company that organ-ised the triv.

reachine reaching that organised the trip.

Camcorder footage taken at the site showed guide Eddie Ormond telling him to jump, saying: "It's gonna change

■ by ED CHATTERTON

wour life, dude – it's what we do." The video then shows the business graduate, of Groby, Leics, jumping to his death on September 11, 2004.

Diane, 60, said: "John was not a half-baked birdbrain. He was a mature, highly intelligent man who mistakenly placed his trust in a company with over 30 years of trekking experience."

She said she could not disclose the amount of compensation awarded.

But she added: "The money itself does not bring John back. But if it serves as a warning to others and saves somebody else's life, then he hasn't died in vein."

Trek-America has always denied encouraging Johnny to leap, but bosses quickly banned any similar stunts.

A verdict of death by misadventure was recorded at an inquest in May.



DREAMS: DeVito as Buddy

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with the movie Deck The Hal

62) is a big personality with big dreams.

But his latest dream – to create the biggest Christmas lights display in the world so that it is even visible from outer space – plunges his neighbour Steve Finch's orderly world into absolute chaos.

And as Buddy's home

WHY not fill up your Christmas stocking with a £10,000 windfall from your Daily Star and the smash-hit film Deck The Halls, now released in UK chemas? Deck The Halls is a riotous comedy about one-upmanship, clashing neighbours, home decoration – and the true spirit of the holidays.

Buddy Hall (Danny DeVito,

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Finch's orderly world into absolute chaos.

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School hols torment

■ by JERRY LAWTON
WICKED parents kept their seven-year-old
son caged in a "cell" throughout the sixweek school summer holidays.
They locked him in an 10ft by 4ft hallway, feeding him
through a door and only letting him out to use the loo.
He lived on a single mattress in a 6ft by 2ft recess under the
stairs. The couple claimed it was a "naughty step" punishment as recommended by TV Supernanny Jo Frost.
But while Jo, 36, recommendes short-term punishment for

But while Jo, 36, recommends short-term punishment for problem kids on her Channel 4 show, the parents turned it into a permanent arrangement.

The mum, 33, and stepdad, 39, who cannot be named to protect their son's identity, were spared jail after each admitted child enterly.

child cruelty.

Kidding around

cniid cruelty.
Judge Michael Pert QC
told Leicester Crown
Court: "To effectively
imprison him for six
weeks at his tender age is
just beyond the pale."

Devil

But he freed them so they could look after their three other children.

other children.
The mum, from Leicester, branded her son, who is now in care, "The Devil"
She said he once left toys on stairs so she would fall down.
The counter was the counter of the

The couple were given two-year community, orders with supervision requirements.





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EXCLUSIVE by JOHN MAHONEY CABBIE Steve McDonald is forced to become a full-time dad when superbitch CABBIE Steve McDonald is forced to become a full-time dad when superbitch Tracy Barlow is banged up for murder.

He's always wanted to play a bigger part in the upbringing of his daughter Amy – the product of a boozy one-night stand with Tracy.

And he thinks his prayers have been answered when Tracy is charged over the death of her builder boyfriend Charlie Stubbs (Bill Ward, 39). But Steve (Simon Gregon, 32) soon discovers just how demanding being a full-time parent can be as he tries to juggle his fatherly responsibilities around his job running Streetcars.

And out of desperation he has to rope in his taxi receptionist Eileen Grimshaw (Sue Cleaver, 41) as a childminder.

He tells her: "I'll cover all your shifts for you if you pick Amy up from nursery and look after her until I finish work."

It's all new for Steve, whose access to Amy has been severely restricted by hard-hearted Tracy (Kate Ford, 29).

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But he's prepared to do whatever it takes to prove himself a good dad for little Amy, played by two-year-old Amber Chadwick. A source said: "Steve swiftly realises that being a parent is very much a full-time job in itself. "He's determined to make it work and turns to Eileen for help, knowing she's brought up two sons and can help take the pressure off."

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LAUREL Thomas (Charlotte Bellamy, 33) is forced to tell her vicar husband Ashley (John Middleton, 53) she is pregnant – after he tells her to put family plans on hold. The actress is expecting a baby in real life, too.



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 Bert brings his dying wife to Walford and dumps Mo.
 Carly and Deano meet their longlost mum but don't realise it's her.

- STEVE and Michelle have a steamy snog as Liz looks on.
 Tracy makes Clare think she's been imprisoned inside the house as her plot to kill Charlie thickens.
 Norris catches the Street's graffiti artist and is then arrested himself.

- EMMERDALE

 JO dresses up when Andy asks her to join him at a party as she plots to steal him from bed-ridden Katie.

 Scheming Kelly puts Emily and Paul's profiles on a dating website.

 Gambling addict Grayson tells his wife his posh mum is bankrupt.

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